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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PCT International Application of:)
LIGTHELM, Dirk, Jacob)
Int. Appl No.: PCT/EP2003/050792)
Int. Filing Date: 5 November 2003)
INHIBITING BREAKTHROUGH OF DRIVING)
FLUID VIA A PERMEABLE GEOLOGICAL)
LAYER INTO AN OIL PRODUCTION WELL) May 5, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Prior to taking up the case for examination, please amend the application as follows: